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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES - AIR AMERICA

1. AIR AMERICA HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO SEEK DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR THREE AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY IN VIETNAM. AT SAME TIME COMPANY INDICATE THAT THERE COULD BE REQUESTS FOR MULTITUDE OF CLEARANCES SINCE AIR AMERICA REPORTEDLY HAS UP TO 79 AIRCRAFT IN RVN WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE RELOCATED.

2. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING REQUESTS WE UNDERSTAND AIR AMERICA IS CONSIDERING STORAGE OF ITS AIRCRAFT AT CLARK AND IS PROPOSING REFUELING STOPS AT ZAMBOANGA AND PERHAPS OTHER OUTLYING PHILIPPINE AIRPORTS. MOREOVER AIR AMERICA REPS HAVE BEEN SEEKING TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS WITH THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE THEREBY AVOIDING ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING SUCH CLEARANCES AND TAKING RISKS WHICH ARE WHOLLY UNNECESSARY IF THEIR NEEDS CAN BE REASONABLY WELL COMMUNICATED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AN APPROACH BY EMBASSY
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SAIGON TO AIR AMERICA POINTING OUT THAT THERE ARE ESTABLISHED U.S. GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH THE PHILIPPINES

ON MATTERS SUCH AS THOSE RELEVANT TO SUPPORT OF EVACUATION
FROM VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA; THAT THERE ARE AREAS OF THE
SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AND PORTIONS OF PHILIPPINE AIR SPACE
WHICH IT IS SENSIBLE TO AVOID AT THIS TIME; AND THAT IT IS IN
THE INTEREST OF NO ONE CONCERNED TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS
MAKING PRIVATE AND UNCOORDINATED ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY IS PRE-
PARED TO RENDER ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO AIR AMERICA AND
OTHERS CONCERNED, BUT THEIR NEEDS SHOULD BE MADE FULLY AND
PROMPTLY KNOWN THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS. FYI WE HAVE
INDICATED THESE CONCERNS TO THE LOCAL AIR AMERICA REP LIBUT
AT CLARK BUT LIBUT DOES NOT SEEM HIGH ENOUGH ON THE TOTEM POLE
TO MAKE DECISIONS IN SUCH MATTERS, AND HE CLEARLY WILL NEED TO
BE INSTRUCTED FROM AIR AMERICA HQ. END FYI.
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